which was set up in 1998 under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired Supreme Court Judge, has, *inter alia,* reviewed the recommendations of earlier Committees and suggested measures for further improvement in the safe running of trains.

The Committee made a total of 278 recommendations in its Report (150 in Part-I and 128 in Part-ll) on various issues concerning railway safety, including adoption of technical aids. Of these, 38 could not be accepted due to various reasons.

Of the 240 recommendations that have been accepted fully or partially, 168 recommendations have already been implemented till November 2005. Balance recommendations are at various stages of implementation.

Second India-Pakistan Rail Link

3500. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways is planning to cover Second India-Pakistan link by next year connecting Indian village of Mannabau in Rajasthan and a small town Kokrapur in southern Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the modalities worked out for safety of the passengers in view of the terrorism prevailing in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The modalities for safety of passengers are in the process of being worked out.

Ajmer-Pushkar Railway Lines

†3501. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress regarding Ajmer-Pushkar railway line;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) by when this work is targeted to be completed;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to extend this work upto Medta City; and

(d) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU): (a) Final location survey has been completed and detailed estimate sanctioned. Tenders for earthwork and bridge works are under process.

(b) No target date has been fixed for completion.

(c) and (d) An updating survey for Pushkar—Merta Road new rail line has been taken up.

Averting disaster by alert Night Patrolmen

3502. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alert night patrolmen have averted the disaster of Ananthapuri Express and other southbound trains between Kattur and Pullambadi railway stations in early hours on Thursday, the 24th November, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) how Government are going to reward the patrolmen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ananthapuri Exp. was stopped by two night patrolmen on duty *viz.* Shri R. Suresh Gandhi, S/o Shri M. Raju and Shri R. Kalyanasundaram, S/o Shri Ramalingam at 1.55 hrs. on 24.11.2005, between Kattur and Pullambadi Railway stations.

Two night patrolmen were on monsoon patrol duty on 23/24.11.2005.